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- 1. The following information is reported from Brzes (Brieg, Silesia, located between Wroclaw/Breslau and Opole/Oppeln):
  - a. One Polish engineer regiment under the command of a Soviet officer, Lubanski, and one Polish anti-aircraft artillery regiment are stationed in the southern suburb of Brzeg.
  - b. One fully equirped Soviet engineer regiment arrived from Kharkov (Ukraine) during July 1948. There is also one Soviet motorized artillery regiment with 155-mm. muns stationed in the city.
  - c. At a location described as "Robotnicza Street" near the barracks are located two underground liquid fuel tanks with an aggregate storage capacity of 75,000 liters.
- 2. The airfield at Brzeg is described as the largest in Silesia. It is situated 4 km. southwest of Brzeg, between the Brzeg-Schusselndorf-Kreisewitz and the Brzeg-Pammitz-Konradswalde roads (see sketch).
  - a. The airfield covers an area of about 8 sq. km.
  - b. The largest runwar is laid out from northwest to southeast, is 3 km. long and "O meters wide, and is built of concrete 15 cm. thick.
  - c. Two secondary runways, one to the north and one to the south, are laid out in an east-west direction. They are 2 km. long and 40 meters wide and are built of concrete 15 cm. thick.
  - d. The three runways are connected by a circular concrete track 30 meters wide.
  - e. The airfield is built in an area of rocky and sandy soil.
  - f. Fuel is brought to the base in tack cars from Russia. There are no storage facilities on the base itself, but underground tanks are located in the vicinity.

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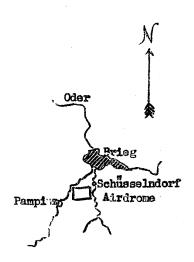
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- g. Two underground hangars are located near the town of Schusselndorf.
- h. On 22 September about 400 Soviet fighters and light bombers of the types PE and YAK were observed on the field.
- Pilots, flight officers, and ground crews are quartered at Schüsseindorf (about 1,500) and Pampitz (about 2,000).
- j. There are many 500- to 1000-kg. bomb dumps along the Brzeg-Pampitz road.
- k. Both planes and nen arrived recently at the base from Russia by rail.



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